

LATENT TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION TEST RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

This synopsis represents recommended guidelines for implementing the following laws: Education Code (Section 49406), Health and Safety Code (Sections 1596.70, 3450-3451), California Administrative Code, Title 17 (Section 6607), Title 22 (Sections 41301, 1012.16).

Institution, Agency, or Facility	Initial Examination	Repeat Examination	Examination To Consist Of:
<p><u>SCHOOL & CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES</u> (Includes Nursery Schools, Day Nurseries, and Development Centers)</p> <p><u>Employees – All employees</u> and volunteers in public, private, and parochial schools for K-12 and child care facilities. Exceptions may be made for volunteers who are not in frequent or prolonged contact with students/children.</p>	<p><u>Employees</u> Within 60 days prior to employment.</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> School governing authority can require more frequent or more extensive examinations.</p>	<p><u>Employees with negative skin tests:</u> Repeat skin test every 4 years.</p> <p><u>Employees with positive skin tests:</u> Must furnish a certificate from a health provider every 4 years showing that employee is free from active TB. A chest x-ray is <u>NOT</u> required in those who completed preventive therapy <u>OR</u> have a negative history & symptom review. A file must be kept on all employees who convert their skin test to positive on repeat examination. This file must be surrendered to TB Control Officer upon request.</p>	<p>Intradermal Mantoux 5 TU (tuberculin units) PPD skin test which, if positive (10 mm, or more induration) must be followed by a chest x-ray. If there are clinical reasons for suspecting that the person may have tuberculosis or if the person is a known contact to a case of tuberculosis, 5 mm of induration is considered positive</p> <p>Employees must have on file a certificate from the examining physician showing that the employee is free from active disease.</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> Any employee with a positive skin test where active disease has been ruled out should be considered for preventive therapy.</p>
<p><u>Students in K-12</u> 1. All kindergarten and 1st grade students who never attended kindergarten anywhere. 2. All other students who never attended any school in California.</p>	<p><u>Students in K-12</u> 1. Within 1 year prior to school admission. 2. Any previous date.</p>	<p><u>Students in K-12</u> 1. None 2. None</p>	<p>Same as school employees. Students must present written documentation upon enrollment. Any tuberculin test may be used. <u>EXCEPTIONS:</u> 1. A Mantoux test is a requirement to enter Kindergarten. 2. A positive multipuncture reaction should be validated by a Mantoux test.</p>
<p><u>Students/Children in Licensed Child Day Care Facilities</u> <u>Facilities</u> <u>NOTE:</u> If child is also enrolled in public, private, or parochial school, there is no requirement for documentation of medical assessment by the child care Facility.</p>	<p><u>Students/Children in Licensed Child Day Care Facilities</u> <u>Facilities</u> Required only if the child's medical assessment indicates that the child has risk factors for TB. * All children must be screened for risk factors for TB as part of the medical assessment. Skin testing is required only if determined to be necessary by a physician based on the child's risk of TB. Mantoux to be done not more than one year prior to or within 30 days following the acceptance of a client.</p>	<p><u>Students/Children in Licensed Child Day Care Facilities</u> <u>Facilities</u> None required. Only subsequent enrollment in a different facility would necessitate a repeat examination if the previous test is more than one year old.</p>	<p>If required: Same as school employees. Written documentation must be provided. <u>*RISK FACTORS FOR TB IN CHILDREN:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a family member or contact with a history of confirmed or suspected TB. • Are in foreign-born families and from high-prevalence countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Eastern Europe. • Live in out-of-home placements. • Have, or are suspected to have, HIV infection. • Live with an adult with HIV seropositivity. • Live with an adult who has been incarcerated in the last five years. • Live among, or are frequently exposed to, individuals who are homeless, migrant farm workers, users of street drugs or residents in nursing homes. • Have abnormalities on chest X-ray suggestive of TB. • Have clinical evidence of TB.
<p>NOTE: If a skin test is positive in a child 3 years of age and under, the Health Office must be informed. NOTE: Administration of facility can require more extensive or more frequent examinations.</p>			

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